

DEMAND XVII—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 263 under Demand XVII—Medical Department. A temporary fever dispensary existed at Perunkatavila in the Neyyattinkara taluk for five months every year from Edavam to Kanni for about forty years. As a result of repeated representations from the people, and as the people were prepared to provide a suitable building and furniture, the Government sanctioned a permanent dispensary from the 1st Tulam 1102. The staff of the temporary dispensary consisted of 1 Sub-Assistant Surgeon on Rs. 50 and a compounder on Rs. 20 per mensem. As it is impossible to work the dispensary with the existing staff, it has been proposed, if this grant is sanctioned, to strengthen the staff by one midwife on Rs. 29, a peon on Rs. 9 and a sweeper on Rs. 8½. The extra cost will come to Rs. 263 for the remaining seven months of the year. This staff is very necessary and I am sure the House will have no objection to grant this amount.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member whether there has been a proposal to shift the hospital at Arukutti to Taikattusseri?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*): That question does not arise in this connection, Sir.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): I think it arises. The subject deals with some hospital.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*): This grant is for a dispensary in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): We do not argue things by taluks. We go by subjects. I think this subject is connected with the Medical Department and I therefore just ask for information whether there is a proposal to shift the Taikattusseri Hospital.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*): That question has been asked by Mr. Sivarama Panikkar in this session and I think the interpellation will very soon be answered. This grant does not relate to the hospital at Taikattusseri.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether the member will be in a position to give the assurance that the hospital will not be shifted to Taikattusseri?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Senior Surgeon, Women's Medical Service*): I am not in a position to give that assurance.

The demand was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XVIII—CHEMICAL EXAMINER, AYURVEDA
AND SANITATION.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,575 under Demand XVIII—Chemical Examiner, Ayurveda and Sanitation. This demand is made for opening conservancy stations in 16 new places. Usually, a conservancy station is manned by a conservancy overseer and a band of sweepers.

[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

The places the names of which I shall presently mention are vaccination centres in each of which there is a vaccinator. Only sweepers have to be employed in each of these places. The places and the number of sweepers proposed to be employed are: Tirupatisaram, in the Tovala taluk, two sweepers; Putukkada in the Vilavankod taluk, two sweepers; Puvar in the Neyyattinkara taluk, two sweepers; Nemam, Neyyattinkara taluk, one sweeper; Kattakada, Neduvangad taluk, one sweeper; Kilimanur, Chirayinkil taluk, two sweepers; Elattur and Sivanallur, Shencotta taluk, two sweepers; Chengannur, Tiruvalla taluk, three sweepers; Kozhencheri, Tiruvalla taluk, two sweepers; Piravam, Muvattupuzha taluk, two sweepers; Ponkunnam, Changanachery taluk, two sweepers; Arudai, Peermade taluk, two sweepers; Kuravalangad, Mipachil taluk, one sweeper; Kotamangalam, Muvattupuzha taluk, two sweepers; and Kuttattukulam, Muvattupuzha taluk, two sweepers. The total monthly cost comes to Rs. 225 and the annual cost is Rs. 2,700. The amount asked for, namely, Rs. 1,575, is for seven months in 1102. The wages to be paid to a sweeper are Rs. 7½ per mensem. The places are insani- tary and to keep them all right this grant is proposed. I hope the House will see their way to sanction it.

PRESIDENT: Does the House sanction the grant?

The grant was made.

DEMAND XX—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 105 under Demand XX—Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments. As indicated in the printed list, this is for the appointment of a clerk in the office of the Govern- ment Photographer on Rs. 15 per mensem. In the office of the Govern- ment Photographer, there is at present no clerk. The staff consists of one Assistant Photographer and one Assistant Mechanic. Both are technical men and they do not possess any educational qualifications. The Government Photographer has reported that it is impossible for him to carry on correspondence and other office work without the help of a clerk. His office is no doubt a small one and his correspondence is limited. Nevertheless, he has to keep all the necessary accounts and registers and he has some correspondence also. When he has to send letters he has to keep copies of them. He has to draw bills. All these require the services of one clerk. He has also explained that when he goes on leave for some short time, there is none to look after his office work, because the Assistant Photographer and the Mechanic do not know anything connected with the office.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): How did he manage the business all along?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He used to attend to everything himself. He had to write letters and also take copies of them.